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**VIA ECF (ORIGINAL)**

January 22, 2015

Hon. Arthur D. Spatt  
United States District Judge  
100 Federal Plaza  
P.O. Box 9014  
Central Islip, NY 11722

Hon. Steven I. Locke  
United States Magistrate Judge  
100 Federal Plaza  
Courtroom 820  
Central Islip, NY 11722

**Re: *U.S. v. Town of Oyster Bay, et al.*, No. 14-cv-02317**

Dear Judge Spatt and Magistrate Judge Locke,

I have appeared as counsel for Defendants The Town of Oyster Bay and Town Supervisor John Venditto in the above-captioned case. I respectfully request entry of an order directing the Clerk to remove my individual appearance from the docket, as I am departing from the law firm of Covington & Burling LLP, which represents Defendants. My departure will not affect any pending deadlines nor occasion any delay in this action as other counsel have also appeared in the action and will continue to represent Defendants' interests. Counsel for Plaintiff consents to the withdrawal of my appearance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

s/ Matthew J. Berns

Matthew J. Berns

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